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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1159
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Theodore Wheeler, Jr. of
Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the death of Theodore Wheeler, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wheeler was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wheeler served with acumen and alacrity as an Officer with the
Chattanooga Police Department, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and his
fellow citizens alike for the exemplary quality of his work before taking a well-deserved
retirement in 1986; and

WHEREAS, he was an active member of his community and made invaluable
contributions to many worthy causes and organizations, perhaps most prominently, the
Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute (MBMHI); and

WHEREAS, he had served on the MBMHI Board of Trustees since being appointed by
Mental Health Commissioner Elisabeth Rukeyser as the local law enforcement representative in
March of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wheeler's sterling character and vast experience as a law enforcement officer made him an excellent choice for the Board, and he was firmly committed to maintaining MBMHI as a mental health treatment resource for the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as an officer of the peace and a community servant, Mr. Wheeler performed each of his duties with the utmost diligence, determination, and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, he always endeavored to remain true to family and community values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wheeler leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Theodore Wheeler, Jr. of Chattanooga, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction and his meritorious service to Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Wheeler.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.